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References: WASH 46847, WASH 48020, MUNI 4020

1. Since the receipt of WASH 46847, interviews concerning SKORUBSKAS have been conducted with TOLISCHUS, lawyer and co-worker of SKORUBSKAS on the Legal Claims Staff of IRO in Munich, as well as with KAMINSKAS, SHOVA, BRAZAITYS and KRUPAVICIUS. Although the last three interviewed are Nationalists or Catholics, and as such do not sponsor the political views of the Social Democratic Party, all of them stated with no reservations that SKORUBSKAS is a confirmed anti-Communist and a sincere fighter for Lithuanian independence.

2. Through his activities for the Social Democratic Party, for which he has served as KAMINSKAS' alternate on the VLIK Executive Committee since 1949 and also as the Lithuanian Social Democratic representative to the former COMISO organisation, SKORUBSKAS has come into contact with other Social Democratic leaders, most of whom are Lithuanian or German. Among his correspondents on Social Democratic affairs are Kipras BIKLINSIS, now editor of a weekly in Boston and Treasurer of the Lithuanian Panel for the National Committee For Free Europe, SCHUMACHER, KALNINS, the leading Latvian Social Democratic representative, and MIKHelson, the leading Estonian Social Democratic leader. SKORUBSKAS has had no personal contact with KALNINS or MIKHelson, but has corresponded with them in his capacity as assistant to KAMINSKAS, the real leader of the Lithuanian Social Democrats.

3. As stated in the request for provisional clearance, it was planned to use SKORUBSKAS prior to his emigration from Germany to the U.S. under the DP Act. If much further delay is anticipated in granting his clearance, it is requested that no further steps be taken to secure it as SKORUBSKAS will have left Germany before permission is received. We are forwarding with this pouch SKORUBSKAS' PRQ Part I and the file SKORUBSKAS submitted to the emigration authorities in Germany. The file contains affidavits affirming his reliability signed by the following people: BRAZAITYS, KAMINSKAS, Jonas VILKAITYS, Bronius BIELUKAS, L. PRAPUOLENIS, (chief of staff of the "Front of Lithuanian Activists" from 1940-1941), Jurgis STRAZDAS, (lawyer now in Toronto, former co-worker of SKORUBSKAS at the Central Union), and Jonas GLENZA, (member, Lithuanian Central Committee in Germany, former chairman and director of Pleno-centras Cooperative for which SKORUBSKAS worked from 1930-1940.)

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4. We will advise by pouch of SKORUBSKAS' ETA in the States in case he may be of interest to you. Though we have not used him in any specific capacity, occasional contact has been maintained with him under the excuse of keeping up to date on his plans of departure and he has proven of great value as a cross check of information on the C J, and as a source of information on various political relationships affecting Baltic operations. In addition, as an expression of gratitude for the interest we have taken in his emigration problem, he has procured some literature and data on Baltic affairs and personalities of possible interest to us.

5. We are concerned with determining the truth of the data given in WASH 48020 primarily as they may effect Baltic operations and secondarily in view of the recent meeting of COMISCO in Frankfurt at which, according to press reports, it was decided to reestablish the 2nd Socialist International. As KALMINSH and MIKHELSON are both members of COMISCO, if WASH 48020 is true, one must conclude that this revived Socialist International is being established with two potential Communist penetrations in its ranks. The Second International is of no interest to us per se, but it is of interest to the extent it may affect the activities of Baltic Social Democrats who figure as an active element in Baltic anti-Soviet activities.

6. It is requested that you forward to us not merely all traces on KALMINSH as indicated in WASH 48020, but also all traces on MIKHELSON. It is further requested that you ask Stockholm to send us the latest data and comments they have on these subjects since we believe that both our station and local Embassy representatives have had contact with them in the past. Such a complete examination of MIKHELSON and KALMINSH will assist us in evaluating the ramifications of their activities in Germany.

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